

TOWN OF SEEKONK

WARRANT/MINUTES



JUNE 22, 2020

SPRING TOWN MEETING

Town Moderator

Peter Hoogerzeil

Town Clerk

Florice Craig

Board of Selectmen

David J. Andrade, Chairman
Nelson Almeida, Vice Chairman
David F. Viera, Clerk
Christopher Zorra
Justin Sullivan

Finance Committee

Matthew Salisbury, Chairperson
Michael Brady
Derick Medeiros
Jack Horton
Phillip Yan
Normand Duquette

Town Administrator

Shawn E. Cadime

Town of Seekonk

SPRING TOWN MEETING

BRISTOL, SS.

Town Clerk opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance:

Town Clerk read the greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Seekonk High School, 261 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, Massachusetts on:

Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 P. M.

To vote on the following Articles. The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:10PM with a quorum of 75 registered voters and was turned over to the Town Moderator, who presided over the Meeting.

Town Moderator made a motion to allow the following non-residents to speak at the meeting:

Shawn Cadime, Town Administrator; Peter Fuller, Library Director; Bruce Alexander, Director of Finance; Brittney Faria; Director, Human Services Council; Christine DeFontes, Treasure/Collector; John Aubin, III Town Planner; Dr. Richard Drolet, School Superintendent; Jill Brilhante, School Dept. Finance Administrator; Zachary Waddicor, Asst. Superintendent for Teaching & Learning; Town Counsel, KP LAW; James LaFlame, Veterans Agent; Jennifer Miller, Conservation Agent; Carol-Ann Days, Director of Communications; Rob Bernardo, Water Superintendent

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Town Moderator made a motion to allow the Town Moderator to proceed with all articles, even those that affect him/her personally.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Town Moderator made a motion to allow the Town Moderator to declare a 2/3 vote on article requiring that vote.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 1

To receive the reports, if any, of Town Officers or Committees and to act thereon, or take any action relative thereto.

A motion was made that the Town vote to receive the reports, if any, of Town Officers or Committees and to place them on file with the Town Clerk.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 2

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds or borrow for Operating Expenses and the Sanitation Fund of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to vote from the Proposed Operating Budget Board of Selectmen recommended budget column not the Finance committee recommended budget column.

Action on the motion: Motion passed

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Moved that the Town Appropriate the sum of \$59,882,071 to defray charges and expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2021 for the purposes and amounts set forth in Budget Schedules A through J in column m titled Board of Selectmen Budget 2021:

The sum of \$46,101,151 to be raised by taxation within the levy limit under proposition 2 ½;

The sum of \$800,000 to be transferred the Overlay Surplus

The sum of \$900,000 to be transferred from Ambulance Fees;

The sum of \$52,457 to be transferred from sanitation Enterprise Fund;

The sum of \$300,000 to be transferred from Dedicated Receipts

The sum of \$9,417 to be transferred from Septic Payback

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a majority

Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,242,586 to defray charges and expenses of operating the Sanitation Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021 for the purpose and amount set forth in Schedule K in the column titled Board of Selectmen Recommended budget 2021;

The Sum of \$1,242,586 to be provided from revenues of the Sanitation Enterprise Fund.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a majority

ACTION ON THE MOTION: MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation for the following elected officials of the Town as provided by G.L. c. 41, s. 108 for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 as follows, provided that any part-time elected official may waive receipt of compensation, or take any other action relative thereto:

Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$2,400
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$2,100
School Committee, Chairman	\$1,400
School Committee, Member	\$1,000
Board of Assessor, Chair	\$3,139
Board of Assessor, Member	\$2,789
Town Clerk	\$70,776

Moved that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation for the following elected officials of the Town as provided by G.L. c. 41, s. 108 for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, as follows, provided that any part-time elected official may waive receipt of the specified stipend.

<i>Board of Selectmen, Chairman</i>	<i>\$2,400</i>
<i>Board of Selectmen, Member</i>	<i>\$2,100</i>
<i>School Committee, Chairman</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>
<i>School Committee, Member</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Board of Assessor, Chair</i>	<i>\$3,139</i>
<i>Board of Assessor, Member</i>	<i>\$2,789</i>
<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>\$70,776</i>

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Dog License Receipts Reserved account #23063000 to Dog License Receipts Appropriated account #23064000, to be expended by Animal Control Department as provided by the Town By-law, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Dog License Receipts Reserved account #23063000 to Dog License Receipts Appropriated account #23064000, to be expended by Animal Control Department as provided by the Town By-law.

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$85,506.96 from the Ambulance Receipts account for year two (2) of a four (4) year lease purchase for an ambulance/EMS vehicle for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$85,506.96 from the Ambulance Receipts account for year two (2) of the four (4) year lease purchase agreement for an ambulance/EMS vehicle for the Fire Department.

Action on the motion: Motion passed unanimously

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash or available funds in the treasury, or transfer from designated funds that have been reserved for appropriation the following sums to be expended for departmental equipment including new or continuing leases for such equipment, and including all incidental and related expenses; and, further, to authorize appropriate town officials to enter into contracts for more than three (3) years for such purposes, as applicable, or take any other action relative thereto.

A. From the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund the following sums to be expended as follows:

1. Year seven (7) of a seven (7) year lease/purchase of an aerial fire apparatus for the Fire Department to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$106,852.80
2. Year five (5) of seven (7) year lease/purchase of a Fire Engine to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$80,713.47
3. Year three (3) of a seven (7) year lease/purchase for a Fire Engine to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$87,745.10
4. Purchase of Chameleon Animal Shelter software to be used by Animal Control to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$25,000.00
5. Purchase and equipping of a cargo van to be used by Animal Control Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$55,000.00
6. Purchase and installation of an emergency generator for the Animal Shelter, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$45,000.00
7. Purchase and installation of upgraded security camera system for the Public Safety Building, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$35,000.00
8. Year one (1) of a three (3) year lease/purchase for purchase and equipping of a backhoe for use by the Department of Public Works to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$50,000.00
9. Purchase and installation of Public Safety camera server for the Communications Department to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$15,000.00
10. Design and construct trail improvements to the Runnins River Trail, supervised by the Conservation Agent and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$30,000.00
11. Purchase and equipping of one (1) heavy duty pickup truck with plow for the Public Works Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$45,000.00
12. Purchase and equipping of one (1) medium duty dump truck with plow for the Public Works Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$70,000.00

13. Design and construct sports field renovations to Cole Street (softball field #3), supervised by the Parks & Recreation Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$30,000.00
14. Purchase and installation of a backup and data recovery server for use by the Police Department, expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$20,000.00
15. Purchase and installation of replacement carpet at the Police Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$20,000.00
16. Purchase and installation of replacement roof top HVAC ACON Unit at Hurley Middle School, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. \$85,000.00
17. Purchase and equipping of one (1) utility truck with plow for use by the School Department, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. \$65,000.00
18. Purchase and equipping of one (1) utility vehicle for use by the Building Inspection Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$30,000.00
19. Purchase and installation of replacement Public Safety IMC Server, for use by Police, Fire and Communications Departments, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. \$30,000.00

Moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund the sums set forth in the warrant under Article 6 for the purposes and in the amounts specified, including all incidental and related expenses, and to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into lease purchase agreements or other contracts for more than three years for such purposes, and to take such other action as is needed to carry out this vote.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a 2/3 required vote

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town of Seekonk will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, § 6, a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2021; and to reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation annual revenues or available funds in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the Fiscal Year 2021 budgeted reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as follows:

Appropriations:

From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$22,100
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Reserves:

From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$44,200
From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserves	\$44,200
From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$44,200

From FY 2021 estimated revenues for FY 2021 Budgeted Reserve

\$432,016

And further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation Act projects or purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2021 estimated annual revenues the sum of \$22,100 for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and further to reserve from such revenues for future appropriation the following sums recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reservation

<i>Historic Resources Reserve</i>	<i>\$44,200</i>
<i>Community Housing Reserve</i>	<i>\$44,200</i>
<i>Open Space Reserve</i>	<i>\$44,200</i>
<i>FY 2021 Budgeted Reserve</i>	<i>\$432,016</i>

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus property or material, exclusive of buildings and land, but including compost, no longer needed by the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus property or material, exclusive of buildings and land, but including compost, no longer needed by the Town.

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from Free Cash to the FY 2020 Town Meeting Operating Budget Line Item #68 (Snow and Ice Payroll) and to the FY 2020 Town Meeting Operating Budget Line Item #69 (Snow & Ice Expenses), or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$8,477.00 from Free Cash to FY 2020 Town Meeting Line Item #68 (Snow & ice Payroll), and \$87,097.00 from Free Cash to FY 2020 Town Meeting line #39 (Snow and Ice Expense).

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account for the purchase of the necessary equipment and medications to outfit both in service fire engines so that they can be licensed and operate at the paramedic level, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town appropriate from the Ambulance receipts Reserved account the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of the necessary equipment and medications to outfit both in service fire engines allowing them to be licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to operate at the Paramedic level, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the available funds, the sum of \$140,000.00 to mill and overlay Donald Lewis Drive, Massasoit Drive, and Colfall Street, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town appropriate from Fee Cash, the sum of \$140,000.00 to mill and overlay Donald Lewis Drive, Massasoit Drive and Colfall Street, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Seekonk Zoning By-laws and the Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of the property located at 0 Taunton Avenue and Elden Street, and identified as Seekonk Assessor's Plat 12, Lots 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, and 495, containing approximately .45 acres of land from Highway Business Zone to Local Business Zone, or take any other relative thereto.

Moved that the Town amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Seekonk Zoning By-laws and Zoning Map by changing the designation of the property located at 0 Taunton Avenue and Elden Street, and identified as Seekonk Assessor's Plat 12, Lots 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, and 495, containing approximately .45 acres of land from Highway Business Zone to Local Business Zone.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a 2/3 required vote

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Seekonk Zoning By-laws and the Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of the property located 0 Lake Street and identified as Seekonk Assessor's Plat 16, Lots 30 and 32 containing approximately 25.45 acres of land from R-4 Zone to R-2 Zone, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town amend Section 3.2 of the Town of Seekonk Zoning By-laws and the Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of the property located 0 Lake Street, identified as Seekonk's Assessor's Pat 16, Lots 30 and 32, containing approximately 25.45 acres of land from R-4 Zone to R-2 Zone.

Action on the motion: Motion failed to pass the 2/3 required vote

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend Category 8, Section 6 of the General By-laws of the Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts as follows:

Current Language:

"Each new council member will be given a copy of the Seekonk Human Services orientation manual that was approved by the Board of Selectmen on December 8, 2004 and will be responsible for acting within its' guidelines."

Proposed Language:

"Each new council member will be given a copy of the Seekonk Human Services orientation manual that was approved by the Board of Selectmen and will be responsible for acting within its' guidelines."

Moved that the Town amend General By-law of the Town of Seekonk Category 8, Section 6 as presented in this warrant.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$13,000.00 for the purchase of a stump grinder for use by the Public Works Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen

Moved that the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$13,000.00 the purchase of a stump grinder for use by the Public Works Department, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Action on the motion: Motion passed

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$425,000.00, or any other amount , to pay for the costs of designing, planning, and engineering for construction of a South End Fire Station on land owned by the Town of Seekonk at 36 School Street, including the payment of all architectural and engineering services, and any other costs incidental or related thereto, to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing otherwise; and ask the Town Moderator to establish a five (5) member building committee to facilitate the project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$425,000.00, to pay for the costs of designing, planning, and engineering for construction of a South End Fire Station on land owned by the Town of Seekonk at 36 School Street, including the payment of all architectural and engineering services, and any other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received upon the sale of bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount; and, further, that the Town Moderator is to establish a five (5) member building committee to facilitate the project.

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Action on the motion: Motion passed with the 2/3 required vote

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to grant a perpetual conservation restriction to the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust or other qualified conservation organization on a parcel of land off Read Street, identified as Assessor Map 26, Lot 13, consisting of approximately 9.93 acres, in order to meet the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, and to further authorize said board and commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary in connection with said conservation restriction or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to grant a perpetual conservation restriction to the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust or other qualified conservation organization on a parcel of land off Read street, identified as Assessor Map 26, Lot 13, consisting of approximately 9.93 acres, in order to meet the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, and to further authorize said board and commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary in connection with said conservation restriction

Action on the motion: Motion passed

A motion was made to dissolve the Town Meeting at 10:05PM.

Action on the motion: Motion passed with a unanimous vote.